

Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; H.R. 2048, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2408, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003.

U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2692, United States Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2003.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representative Camp; David Paulison, U.S. Fire Administrator and Director, Preparedness Division of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Arden Bement, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ENDANGERED FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing on Endangered Farmers and Ranchers: the Unintended Consequences of the Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pombo; Harold Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Thomas Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

WATER QUALITY FINANCING ACT; WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1560, Water Quality Financing Act of 2003; and H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003.

U.S.-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT; U.S.-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2739, United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; and

H.R. 2738, United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Joseph R. Brimacombe, Deputy Director, Compliance Policy, Small Business—Self Employed Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; Bill Jordan, Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "First Responders: How States, Localities and the Federal Government Can Strengthen Their Partnership to Make America Safer." Testimony was heard from Mitt Romney, Governor, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled, "Facing the Methamphetamine Problem in America," 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Reform, and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight of the Committee on Small Business, joint hearing entitled "What is OMB's Record in Small Business Paperwork Relief?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations: Overcoming Barriers—Part II," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H.J. Res. 63, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia," and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands," and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 1776, Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.